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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2002. Kindly enter the following proposed amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 48 without prejudice.

Please replace claim 43 with amended claim 43 as follows:

43. (Twice amended) The method according to claim 42, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of: NFκB, NFκB p50, NFκB p52, NFκB p65, IκB and TNFα.